

# Baltimore City Continuum of Care Bi-Monthly Meeting

Pleasant View Gardens  
January 15, 2014



Mayor's Office of Human Services  
Homeless Services Program

# Agenda



- I. Welcome & Announcements
- II. Homeless Docket
- III. Journey Home
- IV. Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA)
- V. Program Monitoring
- VI. Coordinated Access & Assessment
- VII. Point-In-Time Count
- VIII. HMIS
- IX. Questions, Feedback, Adjournment

# Announcements

## ■ CUCS Trainings renewed for 2015

- Case Manager Certificate Program
- Starts in late Spring



## ■ MOHS Staffing Updates

- Elizabeth Botkin, Research Analyst, HMIS/Data Unit
- Danielle Meister, Continuum of Care Coordinator
- Director search

# THE DOCKET FOR HOMELESS PERSONS (DHP)

A unique partnership between the City's legal system and local nonprofits who work with people experiencing homelessness.

# What is DHP?



- A specialized court docket within Baltimore City's Early Resolution Court (*District Court*) for individuals experiencing homelessness who:
  - ▣ have been accused of nonviolent misdemeanors (no civilian victims); or
  - ▣ who currently have outstanding warrants for misdemeanors and traffic offenses

# History/Background

- **January 2012 → June 2013 → Today**
- The docket could not have been created without the collaboration of:
  - Judge Albert Matricciani
  - The District Court of Baltimore City
  - The Homeless Persons Representation Project
  - The State's Attorney's Office
  - The Office of the Public Defender
  - United Way of Central Maryland
  - The Journey Home
  - Many nonprofit service providers

# The Focus & Goal of DHP

- **Focus**: To help people experiencing homelessness receive the supportive services they need as an alternative to criminal penalties
- **Overall Goal**: To help these individuals remove barriers to self-sufficiency by moving past minor legal issues that prevent them from obtaining housing and employment

# DHP Upcoming Webinar Opportunity

## ☐ **For Who:**

- ☐ Direct service providers and/or case managers who work with clients experiencing homelessness

## ☐ **What:**

- ☐ An online webinar to learn more about:
  - the creation and process of the docket
  - client eligibility/eligible cases
  - how to look up a client's case
  - how to make a referral to the docket
  - current services offered onsite
  - evaluation, etc.

## ☐ **When:**

- ☐ February 2015



# Thank you! 😊

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# THE JOURNEY HOME

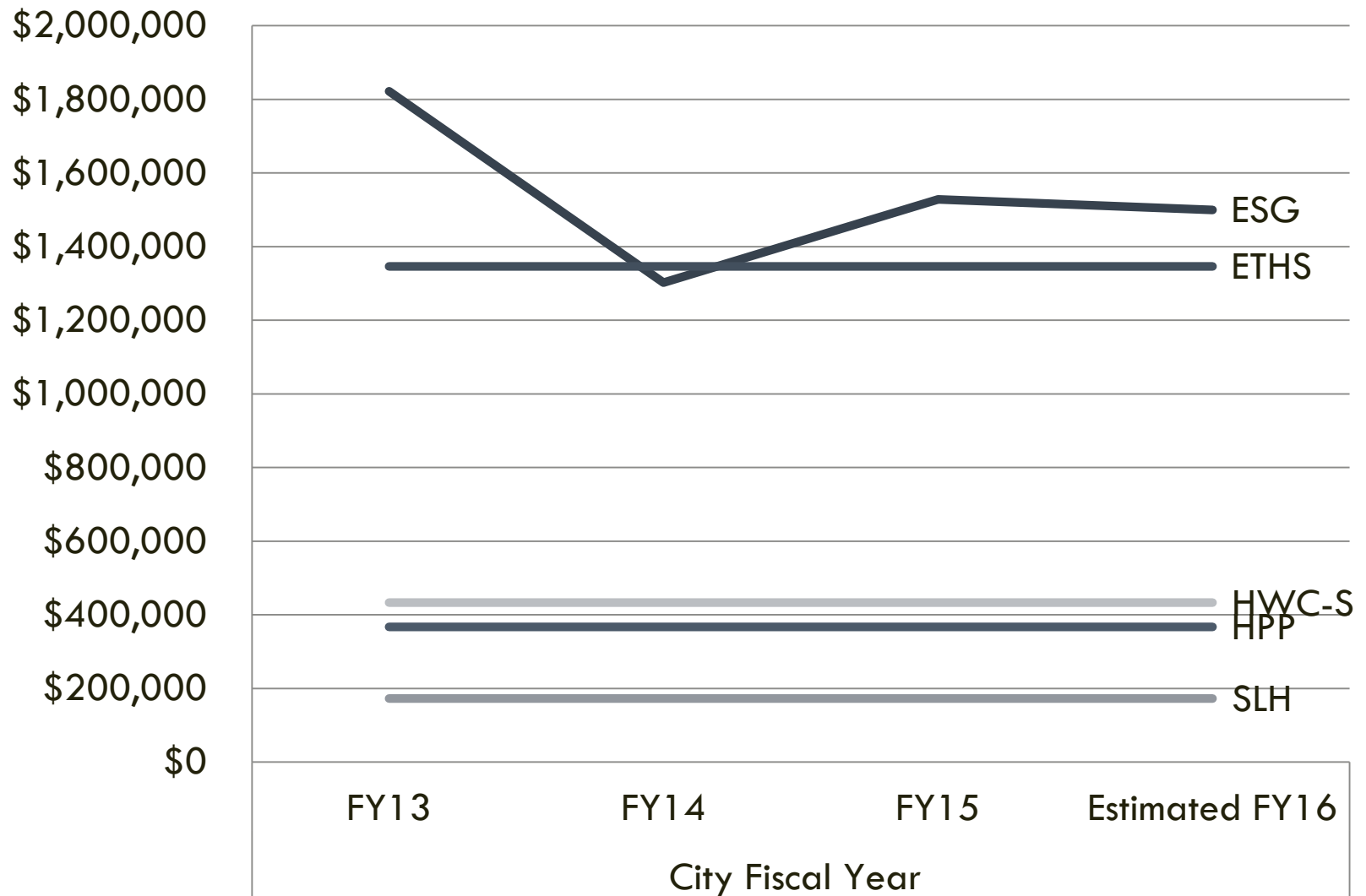
*Baltimore's Plan to Make Homelessness Rare and Brief*

- **2015 Board schedule on website**
  - ▣ February 18 from 3-5pm @ BHSB
- **Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Strategic Planning**
- **Launching Housing First standards work**
- **The Journey Home Outcomes Report**
  - ▣ Corporation for Supportive Housing analysis of PSH units needed to achieve The Plan goal

# Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

- **CFA Fiscal Year 2016 is July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016**
- **New or renewal projects may apply**
- **Includes six funding streams:**
  - ▣ Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
  - ▣ Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)
  - ▣ Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP)
  - ▣ Service-Linked Housing (SLH)
  - ▣ Emergency and Transitional Housing and Services Program (ETHS)
  - ▣ Homeless Women Crisis Shelter Program (HWCSP)

# CFA Funding Sources



# Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

## □ **Funding Priorities for FY 2016:**

- Increase the housing opportunities available to *families* experiencing homelessness through rapid re-housing programs
- Increase the emergency shelter beds available for *individuals, families, and unaccompanied youth* experiencing homelessness
- Prevent vulnerable individuals and families from becoming homeless
- Increase the capacity of Coordinated Access and Assessment through more efficient service delivery and system implementation

# CFA Reminders

- ❑ **FAQ document available on MOHS website – live updates each time we receive a new question, so check back regularly**
- ❑ **Applications due by 4pm on Monday, February 9**
- ❑ **No late applications will be accepted—deadlines will be strictly enforced**
- ❑ **Send electronic copy of CFA proposals to:**  
Mohs.hsp.application@baltimorecity.gov
- ❑ **Send hardcopies of CFA proposals to:**  
ATTN: Danielle Meister  
Mayor's Office of Human Services  
7 E. Redwood Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21202

# CFA QUESTIONS

# Program Monitoring

- **Supportive Housing Program (SHP)**
  - ▣ Flat funding has continued
  - ▣ Inability to spend down funds causes HUD to reassign future dollars to other localities
  - ▣ You **MUST** spend down to \$0
  - ▣ You can do a budget modification and send to your PA for approval
    - Must be received at least 90 days prior to the end of your grant



# Coordinated Access - Report

- Adrienne Breidenstine, Journey Home (Subgoal lead)
- Adrienne Melendez, VA
- Amy Kleine, Weinberg Foundation
- Andrea Fyffe, HEESU
- Andrew Timleck, AIRS (Subgoal lead)
- Brandi Nieland, 2-1-1 Maryland
- Carolyn Johnson, HPRP (Subgoal lead)
- Colleen Velez, CSH
- Craig Cook, VAMHCS
- Danielle Meister, MOHS (Subgoal lead)
- Diana Hood Project, PLASE SSVF
- Dimitrios Cavathas, People Encouraging People
- Gabby Knighton, MOHS-HSP (Workgroup facilitator, Subgoal lead)
- Heather Sheridan, Maryland DHR
- Irvin Moore, BHSB
- Jackie Adams, VAMHCS (Subgoal lead)
- Janice Miller, House of Ruth
- Kelley Camarote, VAMHCS
- Leroy Fowlkes, Mercy Supportive Housing
- Margaret Flanagan, HCH (Subgoal lead)
- Meaghan Messner, Community Solutions
- Mike Brown, Project PLASE SSVF
- Patricia Cobb, YES Drop-in Center
- Patricia Lane, VAMHCS
- Robert Brashears, Social Justice Advocate
- Sara Hoffman, Bon Secours
- Saundra Bond, 2-1-1 Maryland
- Shonelle Calhoun, Project PLASE SSVF
- Teresa Pittman, VA
- Victoria Wynn, NVHOH SSVF Program

# Coordinated Access - Report



## **Implementation Phase 2 (October 29 to February 6)**

The goals during this phase include:

- House 70 clients in 100 days through the CA system.
- Of the 70 clients, at least 54 will be chronically homeless.
- Of the 70 clients, at least 16 will be veterans.
- Of the 16 veterans housed, at least 14 will be chronically homeless.

# Coordinated Access - Report

## **The subgoals during this phase include:**

- ❑ Integrate VA processes into Coordinated Access (VA team).
- ❑ Revise pre-screening process to ensure clients cannot be inappropriately screened out, and are referred to legal services when appropriate (Carolyn Johnson).
- ❑ Identify strategies to decrease the number of days between Match Initiation and applicant lease-up (Andrew Timleck).
- ❑ Develop an Education and Communications Plan for Coordinated Access (Adrienne Breidenstine).
- ❑ Develop a standardized procedure for document readiness (Margaret Flanagan).
- ❑ Develop a Housing First operationalization plan for the CA system (Danielle Rankin).
- ❑ Develop a plan and timeline to transition current Google-based system into HMIS (Gabby Knighton).

# Coordinated Access - Trainings

To register, please go to “Training Schedule” link on the [Coordinated Access webpage](#) of the MOHS website. (It’s the first return if you Google “Baltimore Human Services Coordinated Access.”)

## **February 11, 2015**

### **10 - 11:30 a.m. System Overview**

*For anyone interested in learning more about the Coordinated Access system. The [System Overview Document](#) will be covered in detail, with time for Q&A.*

### **Noon - 1:30 p.m. BDAT Agency Training**

*For agencies who assist (or want to assist) clients to apply for permanent supportive housing by administering the Baltimore Decision Assistance Tool (BDAT).*

## **February 25, 2015**

### **10 - 11:30 a.m. Navigator Training (part 1 of 2)**

*For agencies that provide supportive services to help persons experiencing homelessness transition into housing.*

### **Noon - 1:30 p.m. Navigator Training (part 2 of 2)**

*For registered Navigators who have some familiarity with the system and are ready to learn all the rest of the skills they need to help a client navigate the system.*

# Point in Time Count

- ❑ Begins at midnight on Sunday, Jan 25, and lasts for 1 week.
- ❑ Volunteer survey shifts still open:
  - ❑ 2 night overnight count
  - ❑ 3 day afternoon count (Mon-Wed, 10a-2p)
- ❑ Volunteer sign-up closes 1/19!
- ❑ Survey Site training webinar: Thurs. 1/22 from 12p-1 p. (With option to listen to recorded webinar if you can't make the scheduled time.)
- ❑ Please contact Gabby Knighton as soon as possible if you'd like to be a survey site and have not yet signed up.
- ❑ Questions?

# Point in Time Count Workgroup

Jackie Adams	Baltimore VA Medical Center	Sara Hoffman	Bon Secours
Adam Bazari	Healthcare for the Homeless	Ivan Holloway	A Step Forward
Marguerite Bellamy	MOHS-HSP	Gabby Knighton	MOHS-HSP
Miriam Bennett	MOHS-HSP	Lara Law	YES Drop-in Center
Aften Blackwell	Beans and Bread	Katie League	Healthcare for the Homeless
Elizabeth Botkin	MOHS-HSP	Ingrid Lofgren	HPRP
Alex Bowley	MOHS-HSP	Jennifer Mayo	MOHS-HSP
Kendall Bradford	MOHS-HSP	Christian Metzger	Franciscan Center
Robert Brashears	WHRC	Irvin Moore	BHSB
Adrienne Breidenstine	The Journey Home	Michelle Owens-Goode	MOHS-HSP
Lela Campbell	A Step Forward, Inc.	Chris Rafferty	MOHS-HSP
Liz Carey	St. Vincent de Paul Front Door	Danielle Rankin	St. Vincent de Paul
Mary Chestnut	YWCA	Tanya Ritter	Catholic Charities
Tierra Clark	Marian House	Shayna Robinson	BCPSS
Kim Cosgrove	PACT, Kennedy Krieger Institute	Meredith Slater	United Way
Derrick Crawford	HCAM	Matthew Weisberg	HPRP
Darroll Cribb	Loving Arms	Cindy Williams	Loving Arms
Scott Gottbreht	United Way	Corey Winfield	Loving Arms

# Point in Time Count: January 25, 2015

- PIT Count data from all HMIS-participating emergency shelter, transitional housing, and safe haven projects will be extracted from HMIS.
- These projects must have complete data in HMIS by January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Housing projects that cannot bring all their HMIS data up to date by the deadline must at least **focus on having complete and up-to-date data for all clients who stay in ES, TH, or SH facilities on the night of 1/25/15.**
- Non-HMIS participating projects will receive paper forms next week to submit PIT data.

# HMIS System Update Completed

- As of 1/2/14, the HMIS meets all the requirements of the new HMIS data standards.
- As a reminder, this means that **all agencies are free to enter into HMIS all past and present data normally**. Paper data collection is no longer needed.



# Backdated Data Entry

- Enter into the HMIS as soon as possible all past data that was collected on paper.
- Agencies that chose to continue entering current data into HMIS after 10/1/14 must now review and complete all the data entered after this date to ensure that it meets the new standards

# Backdated Data Entry



- Agencies must review and update the records of all clients who were housed or received services between 10/1/14 and now
- Details and further instructions/guidance will be available to HMIS reps

# QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK

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# SAVE THE DATE – 2015 COC MEETINGS

March 19, 2015 – 2pm-4pm

May 21, 2015 – 2pm-4pm

July 16, 2015 – 2pm-4pm

September 17, 2015 – 2pm-4pm

November 19, 2015 – 2pm-4pm

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